

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits this amendment in full compliance with the non-final rejection of September 19, 2007. Claims 1-9 pending, claims 1, 4-5 and 7-9 amended, and claims 2-3 and 6 remain unchanged.

Objection to Drawings

Examiner has objected to the drawings, stating that “54” designates both *a power transmission device* and *a suction apparatus*. In response, Applicant has corrected Figure 1 to show reference numeral “52” denoting *the power transmission device*. In the corrected Figure 1, reference numeral “54” denotes *the suction apparatus*, and “52” *the power transmission device*, accordingly. Replacement Drawing Sheet attached to this submission.

Objection to Specification

In response to the objection to *Abstract* of the specification. Applicant has amended it to meet MPEP §608.01(b) in narrative form within 150 words.

Claim Objections

Examiner has objected to claims 7-9 due to reference characters not enclosed in parentheses (claims 7 and 9), and omission of word ‘if’ between “even” and “the”. In response, reference characters not enclosed in parenthesis has been crossed out from claims 7 and 9, “if” is inserted where suggested in claim 7, and *a punctuation period* is added to the end of claim 8.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Examiner has rejection claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. Applicant appreciates suggested amendments to overcome rejections under Section 112. In full compliance with Examiner’s teaching, Applicant has amended claims 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8 as following.

In claim 1, “the key switch” has been amended to “*a* key switch”, and “a vacuum apparatus” has been amended to “*the* key switch”.

In claim 4, “a gear shift lever” has been amended to “*the* gear shift lever”.

In claim 5, “the check valve” has been amended to “*a* check valve”.

In claim 8, “a vacuum apparatus” has been amended to “*the* vacuum apparatus”.

No new matters entered in this amendment. Applicant now believes all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully submits that a timely notice of allowance for claims 1-9 of this case.

Respectively submitted,

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